

# Hedda Gabler Coming to SWOSU

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Cast and crew of SWOSU's production of *Hedda Gabler* are (front from left): Sheri Flowers, Edmond (Santa Fe); Rhiannon Jensen, Woodward; Carlyn Magness, Shattuck; and Amber Hayes, Howe TX. Middle row from left—Joseph Smalley, Kansas City MO; faculty Debra P. Holmes; Lindsee Scott, Guymon; Chelsey Hardin, Cordell; and Micaelah Thompson, Elk City. Back from left—Dakota Kemp, Fairview; Chandler Seaton, Stroud; Isabella Jennings, Oklahoma City; Merritt Taylor, Cordell; Larry Cribbs, Olney TX; Calley Lamar, Okeene; and Nakita Young, Hobart. Not pictured are Corianne Fairchild, Leedey; Kyra Schmidt, Weatherford; faculty Steve Strickler; and Kaylee Willyard, Auburndale FL.

Tickets for the theatrical production of *Hedda Gabler* go on sale this Monday, February 23, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

*Hedda Gabler* will be staged March 5-7 in the Hilltop Theatre on the Weatherford campus. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Reservations can be made by calling the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office at 580.774.6046 on Mondays through Fridays from 4-7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students and free for individuals with a valid SWOSU I.D.

At the center of *Hedda Gabler* is one of the greatest roles in modern drama, the fascinating Hedda Gabler Tesman – portrayed by Chelsey Hardin (Cordell, sophomore), who finds herself stranded in a seemingly ordinary but dangerously imbalanced domestic system. It includes her husband, the ambitious scholar George Tesman (Larry Cribbs, Olney TX., senior), his doting Aunt Julia (Amber Hayes, Colbert senior) and the powerful Judge Brack (Merritt Taylor, Cordell senior), who seems intent on playing a very large role in the young couple's life.

Into this mix comes an old schoolmate of Hedda's, Thea Elvsted (Lindsee Scott, Guymon freshman), who has courageously abandoned a loveless marriage in favor of the passionate partnership she has found with the troubled Eilert Lovborg (Dakota Kemp, Fairview graduate student), a brilliant thinker who is an academic rival of Tesman's and who shares an intense secret history with Hedda. The cast is completed with Tesman's maid, Berta, portrayed by Woodward junior Rhiannon Jensen.

Other SWOSU students involved in the production include: Stage Manager Calley Lamar (Okeene senior), Assistant Stage Manager Corianne Fairchild (Leedey sophomore), Sheri Flowers (Edmond (Santa Fe) senior), Isabella Jennings (Oklahoma City sophomore), Chandler Seaton (Stroud freshman), Carlyn Magness (Shattuck freshman), Joseph Smalley (Kansas City (MO) freshman), Michaelah Thompson (Elk City freshman), Kaylee Willyard (Auburndale (FL) junior) and Nakita Young (Hobart freshman). The production is under the guidance of theatre faculty members Debra P. Holmes and Steve P. Strickler.